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BOROUGH OF SOUTHWOLD.

ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE

HEALTH

OF THE

BOROUGH

FOR THE YEAR 1963.



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Medical Officer of Health.

To The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Southwold.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the health of the Borough for the year 1963.

There is again a slight increase of 2 in the number of births in the Borough (19 in 1963, 17 in 1962), but the rates per 1,000 population (both crude and adjusted) are well below the national averages. Deaths from all causes rose from 35 in 1962 to 41 in 1963, having the effect of increasing the unadjusted rate per 1,000 population from 15.9 in 1962 to 18.6 in 1963, though after correction with the comparability factor this became 8.9 per 1,000 against 9.8 in 1962. Half of the deaths which occurred were due to diseases of the heart or circulatory systems, and more than half of all deaths were in the highest age group - 75+ years.

Notified infectious diseases were again 21, mainly measles and pneumonia.

The local health authority services administered from the Area Health Office continued as before, with a low demand for the various forms of immunisation. The Home Help Service statistics - 5,449 hours for 23 households - are substantially as in 1962 (5,359 for 19 households). All this time has been given to aiding older folk in their own homes, but it has not been easy to find the necessary home helps in the area.

Miss A.A. Flowerdew, who had been the local health authority midwife in Southwold for 25 years, retired from her duties in March, 1963, and well deserved the tributes paid to her for her long service. She was succeeded by Mrs. H.M. Edwards.

Details of the sanitary work carried out have been prepared by the Public Health Inspector, Mr. G. Oakes, for whose assistance throughout the year I have been grateful.


I record my thanks to you, Mr. Mayor, and to Members of the Council for the support given to me and for the interest shown in the various health services.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR C. GEE

July, 1964.

Medical Officer of Health.



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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area : 621 acres (Census, 1961).

Population, 1963 : 2,200 (as estimated by the Registrar-General).

Population, Census, 1961 : 2,234.

Number of inhabited houses as at 31st December, 1963 : 1,038

Rateable value : ~~£11,177~~ £103.915.

Extracts from Vital Statistics.

	SOUTHWOLD					England and Wales rates
	Total	Male	Female	Crude rate	Adjusted rate	
Live births - legitimate	19	14	5	-	-	-
- illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-
- total	19	14	5	-	-	-
Live birth rate per 1,000 population	-	-	-	8.6	9.2	19.2
Stillbirths - total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	-	-	-	-	-	17.3
Deaths of infants -						
under 1 year of age	-	-	-	-	-	-
under 4 weeks of age	-	-	-	-	-	-
under 1 week of age	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deaths from all causes	41	22	19	-	-	-
Death rate per 1,000 population	-	-	-	18.6	8.9	12.2

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	-	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	1	1
Diabetes	1	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	2	6
Coronary disease, angina	13	9	4
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1	-
Other heart disease	1	-	1
Other circulatory disease	3	2	1
Influenza	1	1	-
Pneumonia	2	1	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	-	1
All other accidents	1	-	1
	<u>41</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>19</u>

Only one death occurred in the age groups under 45 years, and 25 out of the 41 deaths occurring were in the 75+ group.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Measles	9
Pneumonia	11
Puerperal Pyrexia	1

TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total.</u>
	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pul.</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pul.</u>	
Number of patients on register at 1.1.63	4	-	2	1	7
Number of patients added during the year	-	-	-	-	-
Number of patients removed during the year	2	-	1	-	3
Number of patients remaining on register at 31.12.63.	2	-	1	1	4

Patients added to register.

New notifications - Nil
Inward transfers - Nil

Patients removed from register.

Recovered - 2
Died - 1

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Children born in	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1954-58</u>	<u>1949-53</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Primary	3	9	-	-	-	-	-	12
Booster	-	-	3	-	1	18	-	22

TETANUS IMMUNISATION.

	<u>Age 1 - 15 years</u>	<u>Age 15 years and over.</u>
Primary	10	2
	<u>All ages.</u>	
Booster	1	

SMALLPOX VACCINATION.

	<u>0-3</u>	<u>3-6</u>	<u>6-9</u>	<u>9-12</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2-4</u>	<u>5-14</u>	<u>15 and</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>mths.</u>	<u>mths.</u>	<u>mths.</u>	<u>mths.</u>				<u>over</u>	
Primary	1	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	6
Re-vaccination	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	23	28

HOME HELP SERVICE.

	<u>No. of cases</u>	<u>Hours</u>
	<u>dealt with.</u>	<u>worked</u>
Maternity	-	-
Chronic sick, aged and infirm	23	5,449
Number of Home Helps working at 31st December, 1963 - 8		

BOROUGH OF SOUTHWOLD
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1963

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of
the Borough of Southwold.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present this Annual Report on the Sanitary Administration of the Borough and the work done during the year 1963.

WATER SUPPLY

A wholesome and sufficient supply of water for all requirements has been maintained throughout the year by the Southwold Waterworks Company Limited. 9 samples taken during the year have been satisfactory.

RAINFALL

The total rainfall during the year was 17.61 ins., there being 233 days without and 132 days with some rain. August was the wettest month with a total 3.13 ins., but November had the most days with rain, there being 17 days, with varying amounts.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

The main sewerage scheme has worked reasonably well. The major works envisaged in the joint scheme for a new sewage disposal works capable of dealing with the sewage of Southwold and parts of Reydon and Walberswick are still receiving careful consideration and progress has been made in the discussions over various technical details.

All drains are examined before being covered and smoke and water tests applied where applicable. 9 new dwellings were connected to the sewers.

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The house refuse collection service is now operating satisfactorily. During the height of the summer season heavy demands are made on this service. In most cases the service was adequate when implemented with our tractor service.

All refuse is tipped and kept under control at our tip situated near the Gasometer Works. This site, as previously reported, will have to be considered anew when our proposed new sewage works, to be sited on the adjoining land, is finally planned, as some extension of the site will be necessary in a few years time.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING 1963 (including Dwellinghouses).

During the year 289 premises were visited, of which 86 were dwellinghouses and 203 various other premises.

In the course of these inspections 43 defects or nuisances were found and 41 were abated. To secure the abatement of these defects and nuisances 26 informal notices were served upon the owners or agents concerned, in addition to personal interviews by the Public Health Inspector.

SHOPS ACT, 1950: SECTION 38

There are 93 shops in the District, which are visited periodically. There were no contraventions.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

Number of factory chimneys in the district	3
Number of observations taken	5
Number of legal proceedings taken	0

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 to 1959

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	21	48	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises	8	48	Nil	Nil
<u>TOTAL</u>	29	96	Nil	Nil

Factories Act 1937 to 1959 (Continued).

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. In- spectors (4)	By H.M. In- spectors (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	4	4	-	-	-

RODENT CONTROL - PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Prevalence of Rats and Mice

Type of Property	Total	Notified by		Re-cord-ed	Rats Major.	Rats Minor	Mice Only
		Occupier	Other-wise				
Local Authority	3	3	-	3	2	1	-
Dwellinghouses	1028	49	-	49	-	49	-
Business	273	2	-	2	-	2	-
Agricultural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1304	54	-	54	2	52	-

Measures of Control by Local Authority

Type of Property	Number Inspected	Number of Inspections	Number of Notices Served: Section 4	
			Treatments	Works
Local Authority	3	59	-	-
Dwellinghouses	123	164	-	-
Business	80	128	-	-
Agricultural	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	206	351	-	-

Type of Property	Number of Treatments carried out				Block treatments of properties in different occupancies under Section 6(1) or by informal arrangements. No. of Surface Associated Sewers.		
	By arrangement with owner.		Under Section 5(1)		Blocks	No. of separate occupancies	No. of manholes treated.
	Rats	Mice only	Rats	Mice only			
Local Authority	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dwellinghouses	49	-	-	-	-	-	6
Business	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Agricultural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	54	-	-	-	-	-	6

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food Inspection

The following tinned foods were inspected, condemned and destroyed being unfit for human consumption:-

	lbs.	ozs.
14 tins of Fruit Salad	13	2
2 tins of Lunch Tongues	12	-
6 tins of Chopped Pork	24	-
1 tin of Corned Beef	6	-
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<u>Total Weight</u>	55	2
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Food Premises

Number of Premises	59
Number of Inspections made	89
Number of Premises found unsatisfactory	3
Number rendered satisfactory	3

No. of Premises registered under Section 16 Food & Drugs Act, 1955

Ice Cream - Manufacture	0
Ice Cream - Storage or sale only	20
Sausages, preserved foods, etc.	4

DAIRIES AND RETAIL PURVEYORS OF MILK

There are two local dairies which are periodically inspected and are kept under good conditions.

CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS AND BAKERIES

These have been found to be satisfactory.

HOUSING.

New Houses.

Number of new houses erected by Local Authority	...	...	...	1
Number of new houses erected by private enterprise	...	...	...	8
Number of houses demolished by informal action	...	...	...	1
Number of families rehoused from unfit houses	...	...	...	1

Improvement Grants.

Number of Improvement Grants approved during the year -
Discretionary - 4 Standard - 7

Disinfections, etc.

Number of premises disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of premises disinfested	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Moveable Dwellings.

Number of sites licensed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of individual licences	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	68
Number of moveable dwellings (a) for holiday use	...	...	...	...	...	...	140
(b) for residential use	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

G. OAKES

July, 1964

Public Health Inspector.

